

A LETTER

From his

EXCELLENCE

The Earl of

ESSEX

To the Gentlemen, Freeholders,
and other well-affected people in the
County of E S S E X.

ALSO,

An Order of the House of Commons in Parliament for a Contribution for sick Souldiers under the Command of his *Excellencie*.

Together with two other Orders of the Committee of the House of Commons and
Citie of *London*, for reducing *New-castle*, and the parts adjacent.

As they were read in Churches on Thursday last.

Ordered by the Commons in Parliament Assembled,
That these be forthwith Printed and Published.

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London, Printed for Edw. Husband June 17. 1643.

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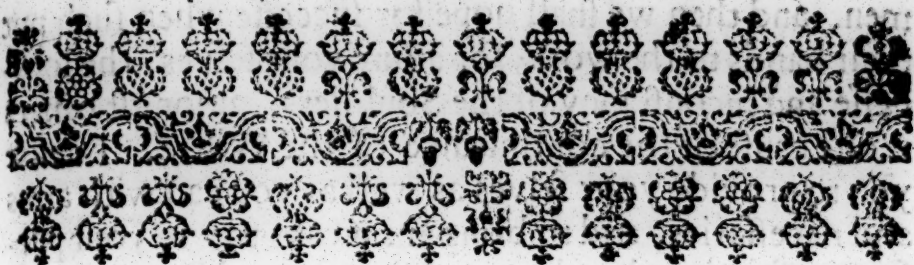
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Earl of Essex, to the Gentlemen, Freeholders and
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HEaring of your readinesse to assist in this great
cause with your persons and purses, for the de-
fence of Religion and Liberty, and what ever is
deare unto us, and of your willingnesse to rise gene-
rally, and to joyn with other Counties, to deliver your
selves from that slavery and misery that our enemies
would bring upon us. I do with much joy receive your
resolutions, and count it a speciall mercy of God, that
makes his people sensible of their dangers, and willing
to hazard their lives for him, and do judge it the most
hopefull means of concluding these unhappy distractions
of the Kingdom. Therefore I desire you to assure
your selves of all assistance from me that the Army can
afford, and my earnest desire is to helpe you in it. And
I desire such may appear in this cause, as have most in-
terest in it; such of whose constancy and courage wee
may be assured, men of Religious lives and affections
fittest to bear Arms for truth of Religion, Men of es-
tates to defend those estates that the enemy seeks to de-
vour: The employment is not too mean for the best
men,

men, and then we shall hope for successe when such put their hands to the work; for assure your selves, the loosenesse and inconstancy of the Souldiers, amongst others is one cause of the continuance of the Warre. I desire you to provide your selves as well as you can with arms and necessaries, and to bring six weeks pay in your purses, considering that the march is long, and but a moneth of that may be spent in service; when that time is expired, we hope you may returne home with peace; If we shall entreat your further helpe, we shall provide for you as well as God will enable us. Chuse Commanders your selves, Colonells and Captains, when we shall heare their names we shall send them Commissions, and when you shall come near us, we shall send some able and experienc't Commanders from our Army to assist you. Doubt not of your Country in your absence, we shall take a course for the securing and quieting of the Malignants; your safety is in being in Arms, it will be your happinesse to fight with your enemies at distance, and so keep them from spoyling that as yet peaceable and flourishing County. If God stirre the hearts of people to appeare generally, and to prosper our endeavours, wee hope the successe will be happy and comfortable.

Stoken Church, 9.

June, 1643.

Your assured Friend,

Essex.

Die Luna, 12. Junii, 1643.

WHereas it hath pleased Almighty God, to send a visitation of sicknes amongst

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amongst the souldiers in the Armie raised for the King and Parliament, whereby the Lord Generall hath bin enforced to send backe many of those sick Souldiers, to be Billited in some remote houses and Towns, some myles distant from *London*, untill it shall please God to restore them health & ability to return again to his Army; wch Souldiers by reason of this their sicknes must needs be in great want of many things necessary for them in such cases, although there hath been what could be conveniently spared sent them by the Parliament. It is therfore Ordered by the Commons Assembled in Parliament, That there shalbe a Collection made (on Thursday next, being the day appointed for publick thanksgiving) in all the Parish Churches in and about the City of *London*, contained in the weekly Bills of Mortality, for and towards reliefe of the said distressed sicke

Souldiers, by the Churchwardens and other Officers of the said Parishes, and the Monies by them so collected, to be paid unto *Wil: Greenhill, John Pocock, John Randall, and Rich: Hutchinson*, Citizens of *London*, or any two of them, at *Tallow-Chandlers Hal* neer *Dowgate* in *London*; on *Saturday* next to be distributed for the reliefe of the said sick Souldiers, in such manner as the Committee appointed by the House of Commons for maimed souldiers shall appoint; And it is likewise hereby Ordered, That all Ministers of the said severall parishes, shall earnestly perswade the people to contribute to this so pious and honorable a work; it being for those that have and will be ready again (when God shall enable them) to hazard their lives for the defence of all our lives, Liberties, and Religion.

Hen. Ellynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

13 June,

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13. June, 1643.

IT is this day Ordered, That the Major of Boston Mr Edward Tilson, Arthur Emfson, Thomas Welby, Mr Ellis, Mr Tooley, Mr. Green, & Mr. Coney be assistants to this Committee for the Town of Boston & parts adjacent in the County of Lincoln, to do & execute all the Instructions mentioned in the Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament made this fifth day of June 1643. for the speedy raising of Forces for the Towne of Newcastle, and regulating the trade of coal there.

And it is further Ordered, That Mr. Edward Tilson shall be Treasurer for the monys contributed & raised in the sayd Towne & County, and is to keepe Books of Accompts of all mones received by vertue of the sayd ordinance; and is to Receive such allowance for charges as by this Committee shall be held reasonable & fit. And all moneys by him the said Treasurer Received, he is from time to time to give an Accompt thereof to this Committee, and pay the same as shall be directed by this Committee, to such others as in the said ordinance is mentioned.

Edward Gilbert Clerk to this Committee.

13. June

13. June 1643.

At the Committee of the House of Commons and City of London, for reducing Newcastle, and the parts adjacent.

IT is this day Ordered ; That the Lord Major of *London* be desired to cause the Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament for Regulating the Coale Trade at Newcastle to be published by evry Minister in every Parish Church in *London* and the Suburbs thereof, upon Thursday next ; and the Committees in every VVard are appointed forthwith to take Subscriptions, and Collect the Money according to the sayd Ordinance.

Edward Gilbert Clerk to this Committee.

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